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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Now that the summer, with its bright days and long evenings, is rapidly leaving us, we must turn our attention to the preparations for the winter's work. Some of our organizations have for awhile been in abeyance, but all will be now very shortly resumed. There has already been a meeting of the Winter Entertainments' Committee, and a scheme of Entertainments has been arranged as follows :—

- Monday, Oct. 21.—Miscellaneous Concert.
- „ Nov. 11.—The Vicar will give an account of his Trip to Canada, with Lime-light Pictures, interspersed with songs.
- „ Dec. 9.—Dramatic Entertainment.
- „ Jan. 20.—Concert.
- „ Feb. 17.—Dramatic Entertainment.
- „ Mar. 9.—Sacred Concert.

Sub-Committees were formed to carry out the various items in the scheme and everything promises well for a successful season. Mrs. Hubbard has again kindly taken the office of Treasurer, and Mr. Gerald Hodgson that of Secretary. The proceeds will as usual be devoted to such parochial needs as seem to be the most pressing as the winter advances. The interest and support of the parishioners generally is most cordially invited, to assist the Committee in their efforts to fulfil the two-fold object of providing a series of pleasant evenings for everybody, and raising funds for various local objects.

The Lads' Brigade will be called together again for their drills in a few weeks. Very good progress was made last winter, and I hope a further advance will be made in the coming one. Some of the boys went away to the seaside camp for a fortnight in the summer, and they seem to have had a very happy experience. New members wishing to join must communicate with the Rev. H. Clarkson, Captain Isdell, or Sergeant Bremridge. The Pantile Mission Room will be open to members two evenings a week the same as last winter. Gifts of illustrated papers and games for the boys will be very thankfully, received by the officers.

The Band of Hope will resume its meetings on Monday, the 21st instant, at 6 o'clock. Names of new members can be given to Miss Eastland, or Mr. Ernest Singleton at any time. Will parents encourage their children to join, and to attend the meetings regularly ?

The New Class-room is now completed and in use. It is a beautiful room, and we have now sufficient accomodation in the Boys' Department for many years to come. The new outbuildings are on the most approved scale, and the asphaltting in the yards will add very greatly to the comfort of the children. The annual subscriptions are now being collected by Mrs. FitzWygram, Mrs. Hubbard, and Mrs. Hodge. The School year closes with this month, and so all old and new subscribers are invited to very kindly pay their subscriptions as early as possible.

I am not sure that all the parents understand the terms on which the penny is charged in the case of absentees, and so I will try to make the matter clear. No charge is ever made for the infants ; they are absolutely free. For the girls and boys the Managers are entitled to charge one penny a week, but the charge is never enforced excepting in the case of absentees. When a child has been absent once or more during one week, one penny has to be paid the next week. In other words, the penny is due every week, but it is excused and is not asked for unless the child is kept from school. So that for children who are regular the school is absolutely free. The Education Department sanctioned this plan three years ago, and on the whole it works well. One object of it is to induce the parents to send the children regularly, and the importance of this will be seen when I point out that the grant by the Education Department is paid on the average attendance, and therefore when children are kept from school the grant suffers, while of course the expenses of the school go on as usual. I hope this explanation may remove the little prejudice that I find exists in the minds of some of the parents with reference to the penny charged for irregular children.

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I am obliged to prepare this for the printer before the Harvest Thanksgiving Services are over, and so I can give no account of them, but I am sure all will feel that it is many years since we had more cause for thankfulness than now; the harvest has been abundant and well gathered, and there is every prospect of a year of plenty and cheapness. It ought also to be a source of gratitude that our country is at peace with all the world, and that we are comparatively free from those terrible social conflicts, which have sometimes caused so much anxiety in the past; and that at the present time no great burning question of any kind threatens to rend us asunder. Taking all these things into consideration, one of our thoughts ought to be, "What shall we render unto the Lord for all the benefits that He hath done unto us?"

We shall have openings in various ways for helpers in the parish in the winter, and I should like to ask those who feel that they could devote an hour or two a week to some good work, to communicate with me, that their willingness to help may be made use of.

No date has yet been fixed for the supplementary Sale of Work, but it will in all probability take place towards the end of November.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.			7 p.m.			TOTALS.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.		
Sept. 1.—Curate's Fund ...	2	15	5	1	3	10	3	19	3	
„ 8.—General Fund ...	2	10	10	1	2	0	3	12	10	
„ 15.—General Fund ...	3	6	0	1	8	8	4	14	8	
„ 22.—General Fund ...	2	16	10	1	7	2	4	4	0	
Poor Fund at Early Celebrations—Sept. 1, 9/2; Sept. 8, 7/3; Sept. 15, 7/9; Sept. 22, 8/- ...							1	12	2	
Children's Services (Missions)—Sept. 1, 1/9; Sept. 8, 14/2; Sept. 15, 3/3; Sept. 22, 4/-... ..							1	3	2	
Special Celebration, Sept. 21							0	1	6	
							<u>£</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

BAPTISMS.

"Grant, O Lord, that they may have power and strength to have victory and to triumph, against the Devil, the World and the Flesh. Amen."

- Aug. 19.—William Harold Saville.
- „ 31.—Alice Frances Bessie Aspland.
- Sept. 8.—Henry James Shepherd.
- „ 8.—Ada Dorothy Saville.
- „ 11.—Kathleen Irene Jones.
- „ 22.—Bertha Mary Mills.

MARRIAGE.

"O Lord, send them help from Thy Holy Place, and evermore mightily defend them."

- Sept. 11.—William Canler Page to Emily Maud Austin.

BURIAL.

"I am the resurrection and the life saith the Lord: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.—*St. John xi, 25, 26.*

- Aug. 31.—Thirza Underwood, aged 47.